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I am pleased to inform you that the ad hoc Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs met again today and adopted resolution MRE/RES.2/91 entitled "Support for democracy in Haiti".

I hereby draw the attention of the United Nations to the text of the resolution, which I attach, and in particular to operative paragraph III.4, which requests the States Members of that Organization to adopt the same measures as those agreed by the American States.

(Signed) João Clemente BAENA SOARES
Secretary-General

Annex

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SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRACY IN HAITI

THE AD HOC MEETING OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,

HAVING SEEN resolution MRE/RES.1/91 "Support for the Democratic Government of Haiti" and the report of the mission designated in operative paragraph 2 of said resolution, and the request presented by the President of Haiti, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, in his letter of 7 October 1991 (MRE/doc.3/91) to the Secretary General,

CONSIDERING:

That the crisis in Haiti has become more serious and that, consequently, it is necessary to adopt additional measures in accordance with operative paragraph 10 of resolution MRE/RES.1/91, and

The request received from President Jean-Bertrand Aristide to have the Organization, through a civilian mission, establish a presence in Haiti in order to contribute to the solution of the crisis in the country.

RESOLVES:

I

1. To reiterate resolution MRE/RES.1/91 "Support for the Democratic Government of Haiti", particularly with regard to the restoration of the exercise of the legitimate authority of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, and to the need to restore constitutional order, and to maintain the measures adopted in that resolution.

2. To strongly condemn the use of violence and military coercion and the decision to replace illegally the constitutional President of Haiti Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

3. To declare that no government that may result from this illegal situation will be accepted and, consequently, to declare that no representative of such government will be accepted.

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4. To urge the Member States to proceed immediately to freeze the assets of the Haitian State and to impose a trade embargo on Haiti, except for humanitarian aid. All humanitarian assistance must be channelled through international agencies or non-governmental organizations.

II

1. To accede to the request of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide that a civilian mission be constituted to re-establish and strengthen constitutional democracy in Haiti (OEA-DEMOC), which should go to that country in order to facilitate the re-establishment and strengthening of democratic institutions, the full force and effect of the Constitution, respect for the human rights of all Haitians, and to support the administration of justice and the adequate functioning of all the institutions that will make it possible to achieve these objectives. The Mission must have the guarantees that are indispensable for the security of its members.

2. To entrust to the Secretary-General the organization of OEA-DEMOC and to finance it by means of a special fund. To urge Member States, Permanent Observers and the international community to make urgent contributions to the accomplishment of that mission.

III

1. To request the Secretary-General to keep the Ministers of Foreign Affairs informed, through the Permanent Council, on the effectiveness of the measures adopted so that they may decide on any further measures that may be necessary.

2. To request the Secretary-General also to report on the activities of the Mission OEA-DEMOC.

3. To request the Secretary-General to keep open channels of communication with the democratically constituted political institutions and other sectors in Haiti in order to facilitate dialogue with a view to ensuring the modalities and guarantees that will make it possible for President Jean-Bertrand Aristide to return to office.

4. To transmit this resolution to the United Nations and to request its Member States to adopt the same measures agreed upon by the American States.